

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the Sequence Listing as shown in the paper copy and submitted herewith after Table 1 on page 36.

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 3 of the application with the following:

In a second aspect there is provided an isolated mutant human serum albumin substantially comprising the amino acid sequence:

DAHKSEVAHRFKDLGEENFKALVLIAFAQX₅LQQCPFEDHV
KLVNEVTEFAKTCVADESAENCDKSLX₁TLFGDKLCTVATL
RETYGEMADCCAKQEPERX₂X₈CFX₆QHKDDNPNLPRLV RPE
VDVMCTAFHDNEETFLKKYLYEIAARRX₉PYFYAPELLFFAKR
YKAAFTECCQAADKAACLLPKLDEL RDEGKASSAKQRLKC
ASLQKFGERAFAKAWAVARLSQRFPKAEFAEVSKLVTDLTK
VX₁₀TECCX₃X₇X₄LLECADDRADLAKYICENQDSISSKLKEC
CEKPLLEKSX₁₁CIAEVENDEMPADLPSLAADFVESKDVCKN
YAEAKDVFLGMFLYEYARRHPDYSVVLLLRLAKTYETTLE
KCCAAADPHECYAKVFDEFKPLVEEPQNLIKQNC ELFQLG
EYKFQNALLVRYTKKVPQVSTPTLVEVSRNLGKVGSKCCK
HPEAKRMPCAEDYLSVVLNQLCVLHEKTPVSDRVTKCCTES
LVNRRPCFSALEVDETYVPKEFNAETFTFHADICTLSEKERQ
IKKQTALVELVKHKPKATKEQLKAVMDDFAAFVEKCCKAD
DKETCFAEEGKKLV AASQAALGL (SEQ ID NO.:1)

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 5 of the application with the following:

The above sequence is based on the human form of serum albumin after a leader sequence (ie. i.e. MKWVTFISLLFLFSSAYSRGVFRR) (residues 1 to 24 of SEQ ID NO:2) has been cleaved from the sequence. The present invention also extends to mutant sequences including such leader sequences.

HUMAN	SEKERQIKKQTALVELVKHKPKATKEQLKAVMDFFAAFVEKCKKADDKETCFAEEGKKLV	600
MACAQUE	SEKEKQVKKQTALVELVKHKPKATKEQLKGVMDNFAAFVEKCKKADDKEACFAEEGPKTV	592
CANINE	PEAEKQVKKQTALVELLKHHPKATDEQLKTVMGDFGAFVEKCCAAENKEGCFSEEGPKLV	600
FELINE	PEAEKQIKKQSALVELLKHHPKATEEQLKTVMGDFGSFVDKCCAAEDKEACFAEEGPKLV	600
BOVINE	PDTEKQIKKQTALVELLKHHPKATEEQLKTVMENFVAFVDKCCAAEDKEACFAVEGPKLV	599
SHEEP	PDTEKQIKKQTALVELLKHHPKATDEQLKTVMENFVAFVDKCCAAEDKEGCFVLEGPPLV	599
PIG	PEDEKQIKKQTALVELLKHHPHATEEQLRTVLGNFAAFVQKCCAAPDHEACFAVEGPKTV	597
RABBIT	PETERKIKKQTALVELVKHKPHATNDQLKTVVGFTALLDKCCSAEDKEACFAVEGPKLV	600
RAT	PDKEKQIKKQTALAEVLVKHKPKATEDQLKTVMGDFAQFVDKCCKAADKDNCFATEGPNLV	600
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HUMAN	AASQAALGL	609 (SEQ ID NO.:2)
MACAQUE	AASQAALA-	600 (SEQ ID NO.:3)
CANINE	AAAQAALV-	608 (SEQ ID NO.:4)
FELINE	AAAQAALA-	608 (SEQ ID NO.:5)
BOVINE	VSTQTALA-	607 (SEQ ID NO.:6)
SHEEP	ASTQAALA-	607 (SEQ ID NO.:7)
PIG	IEIRGILA-	605 (SEQ ID NO.:8)
RABBIT	ESSKATLG-	608 (SEQ ID NO.:9)
RAT	ARSKBALA-	608 (SEQ ID NO.:10)

Table 1. Comparison of amino acid sequence between mammalian albumins. Residues, which may be mutated are highlighted. Amino acids before the N terminal amino acid (residue number 1), in the boxed area, are part of the pre-albumin sequence and are cleaved following translation to give albumin itself. Accession numbers of the sequences are Human, P02768; Macaque, M90463; Canine, CAB64867; Feline, P49064; Bovine, P02769; Sheep, P14639; Pig, ABPGS; Rabbit, P49065 and Rat, P02770.